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Heart of Hope LifeCycle is a community friendly bike tour for cyclists of every skill-level and age. We offer a challenging event for both the Lycra loving, hard-core cyclists, but also a fun and non-intimidating event for leisure cyclists and families. Our goal is to encourage cycling and fitness in the region while educating our kids on cycling safety. Five routes are offered with beautiful country scenery including Caddo and Desoto Parish and dipping into portions of East Texas. Registration includes pre-ride breakfast-snacks, fully-stocked rest stops, lunch, door prizes, Kids' Fun Area, and sponsor expo.



June 7, 2014

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With the partnership of Dr. Christian and Holly Briary, Caddo Parish Sheriff's Re-entry Program, Woods and Son Roofing, Riverview Roofing, Ronny Walker, Joey French, Feazel Electric, Jessica Temple & Frank Gunn's B-Group at Broadmoor Baptist, Kelly Murphy, and Lindsay Smith our FIRST step to aftercare is becoming a reality! Our adult Mommy/baby efficiency will open in April.



Thanks to the hard work of Ben Pepper with Pepper Fencing and Chris Darsey with Jamieson Fencing, we are continuing to create the safest environment for those entrusted in our care!

Making a Difference Every Month!

Cypress Baptist Church • Woodridge Baptist • Calvary Baptist
Grawood Baptist Church-Food Pantry & Adult III SS Class
Providence Road Baptist • Redeemer Community Church
Word of God Ministries • THP at Glad Tidings • Gateway Church
Grand Cane Baptist Church • Emmanuel Baptist • Church at Red River
Trinity Heights Baptist Church • Genru Properties • Bethel Assembly of God
Jewell SS Class @ First Baptist Keithville • Latec Rental Properties
Radiant Life Church & Just For Ladies • Christian Center of S'port



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Praising God!

From the time a resident enters the doors of Heart of Hope, she begins to hear reassurances of faith and encouragement to trust God's plan for her life. Alongside the staff, she reads scripture, listens to sermons and participates in devotions. The staff spends our time teaching her about faith, and our Annual Banquet is one of many examples where she sees us walking out our faith. Each year we humbly petition God to provide the speaker, funds, venue, and surround us with loving friends of the ministry. This year, our walk of faith called us further out into the water.

It is the kind of phone call where you can still recall your location a month after the event: "Good morning. We are all praying, but I need you to know that Mike Williams is stuck in Atlanta." Jodi hung up, called the staff and together, with our team of volunteers, we prayed. While we prayed for the fulfillment of the plans we had carefully made, we rested in God's best and knew that the evening was as important to Him as it was to us. As God would have it, Mike Williams made it safely to Shreveport and the Lord was glorified through both his humor and powerful testimony. As J. Michael Johnson, ESQ, pro-life ambassador, led the evening, we were reminded why Heart of Hope exists: because she does. As Jodi Burns indicated, "she is not always homeless, but sometimes she is. She is not always abused, but sometimes she is. She is not always kicked out of her house, but sometimes she is." She is unique and so is her story. Our hearts were captured when LeHeaven and Liz shared their life-changing experience while living at Heart of Hope through video testimonies.

We are so thankful for all those who supported the evening - our sponsors, table hosts, invitees, and our beautiful Hands of Hope Volunteer Team. Our walk of faith is not over though. We do not want to have walked to the banquet only to retreat back to the comfort of the shore. We are believing God for some promises not yet realized: aftercare apartments and a mommy-baby home. We believe the banquet is the beginning of a new chapter at Heart of Hope, not the close of an event. Please join us in praying and praising God for His goodness and His HOPE.

Sponsors	\$25,600
One Time Gifts	\$49,737
Pledges	\$49,868
	\$125,205

"For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for who hopes for what he already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it." Romans 8:24-25

Lindsay Smith, Volunteer Coordinator

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Reason & Purpose...*I like it!*

For a good number of our girls, life has been really hard. By the time they find themselves at Heart of Hope, the lies they believe about themselves have formed a brick wall around their hearts. God's love is the only tool forceful enough to demolish that thick barrier. God's all-consuming love will unveil to her that she was created for a reason and a ***purpose***.

Purpose: the reason for which something/someone is created or for which something/someone exists.

I like it!

This is one of the first truths that we are believing God to reveal to our young ladies. Not only for themselves, but also for the little one they are protecting inside their womb. It is important to teach them although they have made a choice that has placed them outside God's ordained plan - first comes marriage, then comes a baby- He is intimately involved inside their womb because the one they carry also has a unique life-plan in the kingdom of God. God's Word reminds us just of that when the psalmist wrote,

Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them. (Psalm 139:16)

In the first days of meeting a new resident, I am quick to recount the

story of Cornelius and Peter. There is a lot to unpack about that story, but one day when I was praying, God highlighted a sentence that really packed a punch as it relates to our young women.

"Now send men to Joppa to bring back a man named Simon who is called Peter. He is staying with Simon the tanner, whose house is by the sea." Acts 10:5-6

God's eyes and ears are fixed on Cornelius, noticing his acts of worship, while also keeping tabs on Peter, his servant unto the gospel. God connects the two, and the destiny of Cornelius' household is changed for eternity.

I like it!

God is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. We can confidently declare to our ladies that just as God knew the address where Peter was staying, He knows that they are living at 10420 Heart of Hope Way in Keithville, Louisiana. Like Cornelius, God has brought salvation to their doorstep! WOW!

Thank you for accepting God's assignment to bring the gospel to the households of the young women we serve! We could not do it without you!

Living with a purpose,
Jodi Burns

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memorials & honorariums

The Following Gifts Were Received in Thoughtful Tribute to the Memory or Honor of Someone Cherished

In Memory of:

•VIVIAN WORSHAM - Michael & Kay Asher •DR. W. C. SMITH - Michael & Kay Asher •REV. BILL STOWELL - Michael & Kay Asher •TOM KELLY - Hajnalka Kelly
•RIKKI FOUNTAIN - MarLynn Burt •FRANK & ELEANOR HOLLENBACH - Catherine McLelland •WILLIAM MCLELLAND - Catherine McLelland
•MELBA PENNINGTON - Terry & Alicia Lambert

In Honor of:

•KAY ASHER - Cheryl Procell •MELBA & RAY SCURLOCK 64TH ANNIVERSARY - Janey & Henry Dodd •FRANK KELLY - Benjamin Kelly •JIM HUGO - Kelly Murphy
•MONETTE HOLLER - Barbara Beadle •BETTY WELLS - Barbara Beadle •SHARON HOLT - Barbara Beadle •JAMIE LOMBARDO - Reggie & Tommie Farley
•RONNIE HOOPER - Lynn Hooper •DEB & GILBERT LITTLE - The Aaron or Peggy Selber Foundation, Inc. •COLORS OF LOVE SS CLASS - MarLynn Burt •ROBYN DECOTEAU - MarLynn Burt
•ANN INABNET - David & Kathy Lewis •TRACY & DANNA GRAHAM - Bill & Wavely Cunningham •RANDY & MARCIE SPEIRS - Bill & Wavely Cunningham
•DAVID & ASHLEY HAMM - Bill & Wavely Cunningham •RICKY & AMBERE WOOD - Bill & Wavely Cunningham •REG & DELAYNE LEWIS - Bill & Wavely Cunningham
•JOHN & MICHELE SAULS - Bill & Wavely Cunningham •CAROLYN HAMMOND - Ronald Miller •CHARLENE GATEWOOD 90TH BIRTHDAY - Terry & Alicia Lambert

community cares



IN DECEMBER 2013, DR. ERIC LEBLANC'S OFFICE (A LOCAL DENTIST IN BOSSIER) contacted our office with a desire to partner with our ministry and meet our biggest need. Caryn Jenkins, our Community Resource Coordinator met with them and detailed our need to get the word out about our life-saving ministry to our community's pregnant teenagers. Dr. LeBlanc's office quickly came back with their plan to put us on the map. They have made us their Community Project with KTBS Channel 3 and we have had a commercial on the air since early January. Thank you Dr. LeBlanc and **ALL** your team for **MAKING THE DIFFERENCE** in the lives we get to touch!

MISSION IN ACTION 2013

To meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of young ladies facing a crisis pregnancy by walking beside them as they decide whether to parent or to place for adoption.

- ♥ Residents received 164 **hours of counseling** with residents
- ♥ Residents learned to meal plan, cook, and created a **cookbook** with favorite recipes
- ♥ Celebrated new life with one resident as she made the choice to obey Jesus in **baptism**, which took place at a local church in early 2014
- ♥ Our residents all delivered **healthy, full-term babies**
- ♥ Held 3 prosperous fundraising events assisting in funding programming needs for 2013

To help them set career goals by instituting a plan of action.

- ♥ With the help of our educator, all residents completed their education plan
 - One resident began college focused on a career in marketing. She is continuing her classes while applying for jobs.
 - One resident will graduate in the spring and pursue college and a career in medicine.
 - Two residents are continuing high school working toward the goal of graduation.
- ♥ Residents learned effective money management from a **new budgeting course** and teacher.
- ♥ Through grant funding, HoH acquired **new laptops** for the home from Willis Knighton Health System and **new computers** for the classroom from Rotary Club of Shreveport

To commit to aftercare for those who are not ready or able to return to their former life.

- ♥ Began construction on a efficiency apartment adjacent to the home, for a mother and her baby



GOALS FOR 2014

To meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of young ladies facing a crisis pregnancy by walking beside them as they decide whether to parent or to place for adoption.

- ♥ We will be the **first site in Louisiana to host an Embrace Grace** (discipleship and mentoring) group: learn more at iembracegrace.com
- ♥ Procure private grant funding for **RealityWorks training** on infant simulator curriculum
- ♥ Secure a site for a **resale store** which would provide consistent, monthly program funding

To help them set career goals by instituting a plan of action.

- ♥ Procure private grant funding for a **second educator** to support and enrich the education program
- ♥ Network with local businesses to assist in job skill training

To commit to aftercare for those who are not ready or able to return to their former life.

- ♥ Identify and prepare **shepherding homes**
- ♥ Complete construction on **efficiency apartment**
- ♥ Secure private grant funding for **a mommy-baby home for minors**; projected opening date 2016